

**Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims**

Claims 1-11 (Cancelled)

12. (New) A liquid food composition, containing 1-10 wt.% of an  $\alpha$ -glucan having an average molar weight of at least  $10^5$  Da and having a degree of branching of at least 8%, and at least 1 wt.% of a food protein.

13. (New) A method of inducing satiety and satiation in a person in need thereof, comprising repeatedly administering to that person an effective amount of a branched  $\alpha$ -glucan having an average molar weight of at least  $10^5$  Da.

14. (New) The method according to claim 13, wherein the branched  $\alpha$ -glucan has a degree of branching of at least 8%.

15. (New) The method according to claim 13, wherein the  $\alpha$ -glucan has a degree of branching of at least 10%.

16. (New) The method according to claim 13, wherein the  $\alpha$ -glucan has an average molar weight of between  $5 \cdot 10^5$  and  $10^8$  Da.

17. (New) The method according to claim 13, wherein the  $\alpha$ -glucan contains  $\alpha(1,4)$  and  $\alpha(1,6)$  linkages.

18. (New) The method according to claim 13, wherein the  $\alpha$ -glucan is non-ionic.

19. (New) The method according to claim 13, wherein the  $\alpha$ -glucan is produced by enzymatic glucosyl transfer from sucrose.

20. (New) The method according to claim 13, wherein the  $\alpha$ -glucan is used in a concentration of 1-10 % (by weight).

21. (New) The method according to claim 13, wherein the  $\alpha$ -glucan is combined with a protein, especially a processed milk or soy protein.

22. (New) The method according to claim 21, wherein the protein is a processed milk or soy protein.

23. (New) The method according to claim 13, wherein an aqueous solution of 7.5 wt.% of the  $\alpha$ -glucan at pH 2 shows an increase in viscosity of at least 1.5 times compared to the viscosity at pH 6.8, measured at 10 rad/s.

24. (New) The liquid food composition according to claim 12, wherein the  $\alpha$ -glucan has degree of branching of at least 10%.

25. (New) The liquid food composition according to claim 12, wherein the  $\alpha$ -glucan has degree of branching of at least 12% up to 24%.

26. (New) The liquid food composition according to claim 12, wherein the  $\alpha$ -glucan contains at least 8% of 1,4,6-linked anhydroglucose units.

27. (New) The liquid food composition according to claim 12, wherein the  $\alpha$ -glucan comprises reuteran.